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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 13 May 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The proposed amendment to claim 42 would raise an objection, as claim 43, which depends from claim 42, contains substantially the same limitations, and as such would fail to further limit claim 42. As claim 43 would be objectionable, claims 44 and 45, which depend from claim 43, would have a similar conflict. The examiner also notes that the IDS submitted with the amendment will not be considered per 37 CFR 1.97 (2).


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